

PRE-COURSE WORK ASSIGNMENT

COURSE:	Fire Program Management, M-581
LESSON:	C - Fire Management Planning
UNIT:	2 - Policy/Planning
SUGGESTED TIME:	2 hours
EQUIPMENT:	Internet access
MATERIALS:	Pre-course Work Assignment, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) write-up, and Agency Land Use Plans
OBJECTIVES:	<p>Upon completion of the pre-course work, participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe how fire management plans are developed and tiered to land management plans.2. Discuss their agency's guidance on Land Use Plans.3. Discuss the NEPA process and the relationship to Land Use, Fire and other program plans.4. Identify key fire management plan components necessary to meet land management and preparedness objectives.5. Actively participate in classroom discussions on Fire Management Planning.

“Most people do not plan to fail, they simply fail to plan”....

A key element of current wildland fire management policy is preparedness. Agencies are required to provide safe, cost-effective fire management programs in support of their land and resource management plans. This is accomplished through appropriate planning, staffing, training, equipment, and management oversight.

Fire management planning information can be found in the following locations. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it does provide many useful links.

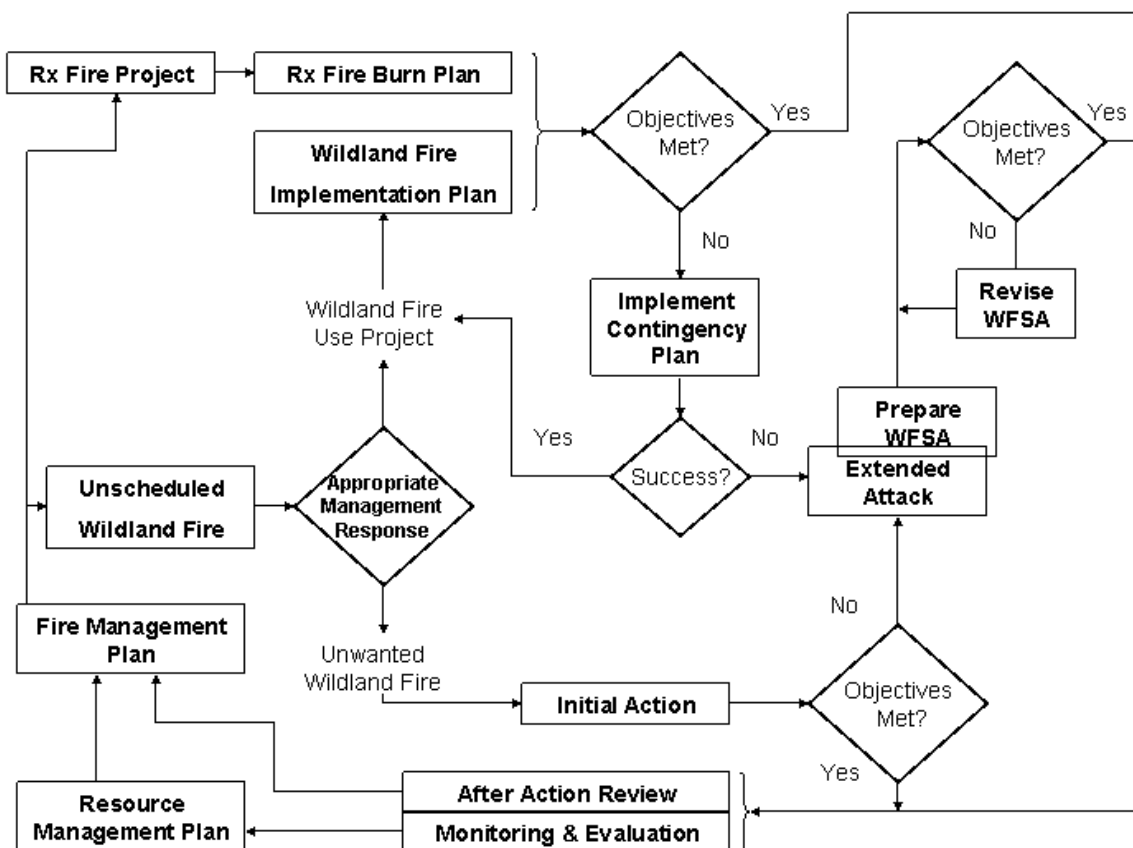
- Interagency templates for fire management plans
www.blm.gov/nhp/efoia/wo/fy02/im2002-249.html
- *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, Chapter 8, Fire Management Planning
<http://www.fire.blm.gov/Standards/redbook.htm>
- Crosswalk Guide Between Old Fire Management Plan Outline and the Interagency Fire Management Plan Template
<http://fire.r9.fws.gov/fm/policy/redbook/IFMPT.pdf>
- FWS guidance for fire management planning.
<http://fire.r9.fws.gov/fm/policy/HANDBOOK/1-4.HTM>
- NPS guidance for fire management planning.
http://www.nps.gov/fire/fire/fir_wil_pla_reference18.html

- GAO-02-158 Wildland Fire Management: Improved Planning Will Help Agencies Better Identify Fire-Fighting Preparedness Needs.
www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-02-158

Interagency Strategy for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, June 2003

Within current policy documents, guidance is given provided that ties planning documents to fire management activities. The following flow chart, a simplified version of what you reviewed earlier in your pre-work reading shows how your fire management plan should tied to land and resource management plans. For a more detailed Implementation Direction Flowchart for the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, see page 12 of the *Interagency Strategy for Implementation of Wildland Fire Management Policy*.

Fire Management Plan (FMP) – A plan, which identifies and integrates all wildland fire management and related activities within the context of approved land/resource management plans. It defines a program to manage wildland fires (wildfire, prescribed fire, and wildland fire use). The plan is supplemented by operational plans, including but not limited preparedness plans, preplanned dispatch plans, prescribed fire burn plans and prevention plans. Fire Management Plans assure that wildland fire management goals and components are coordinated.



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I. ACTIVITY 1

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Review your land management plans and become familiar with where your guidance comes from for your fire management plan.
2. Become familiar with where NEPA compliance is completed for your agency.

1. Review your agency's land management plans and resource management plans, etc. that would provide overall direction to your fire management plan.

a. Do you have land and resource management plans?

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ACTIVITY 2

Accessing the Internet and Reading

A. INTRODUCTION

This pre-course assignment will familiarize you with the NEPA process and the relationship to Land Use, Fire and other program plans. It will give you an opportunity to:

1. Become familiar with the NEPA process.
2. Review the NEPA process so you can actively participate in the classroom through discussion and question/answers.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Access the web site below and review: 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 "Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act". (NEPA) http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/40cfrv28_02.html
2. Read the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) write-up.
3. Answer the following questions:
 - a. At what level is NEPA compliance completed for your land and resource management plans? Was it an EIS or EA?
 - b. What compliance is completed for your fire management plan?
 - c. What are indicators that new NEPA is required?

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ACTIVITY 3

Review fire management plan template.

A. INTRODUCTION

This pre-course assignment will familiarize you with the interagency fire management plan template.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Use one of the links listed above and print out the fire management plan template for your organization.
2. Compare this template to your current fire management plan.
3. Review components of the fire management plan template to familiarize yourself with them and what you would put in that section if writing a fire management plan today.

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ACTIVITY 4

Fire management program document review.

A. INTRODUCTION

This pre-course assignment will familiarize you with documents related to your fire management plan and program.

This activity will give you an opportunity to:

1. Become familiar with documents and plans as they relate to your fire management program.
2. Determine which plans are updated annually, which plans require interagency partnerships, and which plans are long-term.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Review your fire management plan to determine which preplans are in the appendix of the plan.
2. Find and review other plans used within your organization and operations that are not included in your plan itself.
3. Review Chapter 9 of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations to determine which preparedness plans may be required for your fire program then compare them to what you currently have.
4. Answer the following questions:

What plans are found in the appendix of your fire management plan and what are they used for?

What other operational plans supplement your fire management plan?